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INFO USINT BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 7215

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (SOLARZ, STEPHEN)

SUBJECT: CODEL SOLARZ

REF: STATE 294995

1. POST WELCOMES VISIT OF REP. SOLARZ AND WILL ARRANGE REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS. AUDIENCE WITH KING HUSSEIN HAS BEEN REQUESTED BUT WE WILL NOT KNOW OF KING'S AVAILABILITY UNTIL LATER. BRITISH AMBASSADOR JOHN MOBERLY HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND IS HAPPY TO SEE SOLARZ DURING DEC 13-15 PERIOD. AMBASSADOR PICKERING IS CURRENTLY OUT OF JORDAN AND WILL BE ABSENT UNTIL APPROXIMATELY DEC 17. AMBASSADOR WILL WISH TO MEET WITH CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ DEC 27, WHICH PROBABLY ONLY POSSIBLE DURING AUTOMOBILE RIDE FROM AMMAN AIRPORT (OR SYRIAN BORDER) TO KING HUSSEIN BRIDGE THAT DAY.

2. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND MRS. SUDDARTH CORDIALLY INVITE REP. SOLARZ TO BE THEIR GUEST WHILE IN AMMAN. CHARGE ALSO WISHES TO HOST DINNER IN CODEL. SHONOR EVEINING DEC 14 WITH CROSS-SECTION OF JORDANIANS INVITED. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF DINNER ACCEPTABLE SO INVITATIONS CAN BE SENT. IF CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ IS INTERESTED, CHARGE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE
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CONGRDSSMAN SOLARZ TO DINNER DEC 13 WHICH CHARGE IS

ATTENDING GIVEN BY PROMINENT JORDANIAN IN HONOR OF
DEPARTING U.S. ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHE.

3. TOUR OF PETRA CAN BE ARRANGED FOR EITHER DEC 14
OR 15. TOUR WOULD REQUIRE FULL DAY: ALMOST SIX HOURS'
DRIVING TIME AMMAN-PETRA-AMMAN, PLUS 3-4 HOURS AT
SITE ITSELF. WE ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING ON DEC 15 PETRA TOUR,
WITH EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE AND RETURNING AMMAN LATE AFTERNOON
IN TIME FOR FLIGHT TO BAGHDAD, BUT EXACT DATE WILL BE ADJUSTED
TO APPOINTMENTS BEING REQUESTED.

4. FLIGHT TO BAGHDAD DEC 15 IS CONFIRMED. RJ
FLIGHT DAMASCUS-MMAN IS UNRELIABLE AND IS FREQUENTLY
CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE. WE WOULD SUGGEST CONTINGENCY
PLAN TO INCLUDE ROAD TRANSPORTATION DAMASCUS-AMMAN
DEC 27. EMBASSY WOULD MEET AT RAMTHA BORDER.

5. RE REQUESTED BRIDGE CROSSING AT APPROXIMATELY 1630 27 DEC,
KING HUSSEIN BRIDGE CLOSES 1300, SIX DAYS A WEEK CLOSED
ALL DAY SATURDAYS). LATE CROSSING KFOR CODEL CAN
PROBABLY BE ARRANGED WITH GOJ IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY,
ALTHOUGH ARRIVAL PRIOR TO 1300 WOULD BE PREFERABLE,
IF SOLARZ' SCHEDULE PERMITS AND IF HE DRIVES RATHER
THAN FLIES FROM DAMASCUS TO AMMAN. EMBASSY WILL APPLY
TO FMA FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING AFTER-HOURS
CROSSING JON JORDANIAN SIDE. EMBASSY TEL AVIV WOULD
ARRANGE LATE CROSSING WITH GOI.

6. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE POLOFF DAVID WINN.
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